

Along with the rest of you I heard the President Truman's report on the state of the union, as broadcast from the House of Representatives Monday noon.

It was an excellent speech. Whatever qualifying phrases you may think are due to what Harry Truman does — not what he says.

But there was one great anchor point, of both statement and fact, that gave the country new assurance and confidence. The president said flatly that our Atlantic Pact allies are going to put up, together, a bigger fighting machine than our own contribution to the defense of Europe.

This had been the close question in most American minds. The president made the statement without qualification, and, since he has just received detailed reports from Secretary of State Dean Acheson on last month's overseas conference we may presume Mr. Truman knows what he's talking about.

The fact is the Democratic administration still has the only definite foreign policy Americans can rally around. On the other hand, the nation leans with increasing momentum toward the Republican point of view on domestic questions. This is a tragic and dangerous situation — one that is due primarily to Mr. Truman's unhappy faculty for planning big things abroad but conducting political business "as usual" back home.

For instance, we hear Washington reports that despite the world crisis and the imminence of actual war with Russia Mr. Truman is proposing a record civilian-budget for our own country. This is wrong.

Government, which asks great sacrifices of its citizens in a time of national emergency, should set the example by living frugally itself — save where arms are concerned.

Political spending should be cut to the bone.

Of this, Mr. Truman said nothing that I recall. But the point will be pressed against him in the Congress just the same.

Surely it is the duty of he who asks for national unity and political co-operation to be prepared to give it also.

Price Support on Some Items to Be Asked

Washington, Jan. 9 — (P) — Two senators, a Democrat and a Republican said today they expect the administration to ask Congress for new and higher price supports for some farm products as a spur to production.

This was the interpretation Senators Ellender (D-La.) and Thye (R-Minn.) put on portions of President Truman's "state of the union" message to Congress yesterday.

Ellender, the new chairman of the Senate agriculture committee, told a reporter that what Mr. Truman apparently had in mind was legislation similar to that of World War II days to guarantee farmers prices high enough to assure adequate production of needed crops.

Thye, another member of the agriculture committee, similarly viewed the President's general recommendation that Congress revise farm laws to help obtain the kind of products required by the nation's expanding defense program.

Mr. Truman himself gave no details; he may do so in his economic message later in the week.

Neither did he give details on what he wants from Congress in the way of "revision and extension" of his authority to stabilize prices, wages and rents.

Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson is now studying a proposed 30-day general freeze on price increases by business firms as a temporary measure during preparations for wage-price action. His decision is expected within a week.

The economic stabilization agency (ESA), which has frozen the prices of new auto sat Dec. 1 levels, planned to hold a new conference with industry representatives Thursday in an attempt to work out a price fixing formula. The present freeze is effective only until March 1.

EST's wage stabilization board, headed by Cyrus S. Ching, plans to go to work tomorrow with top labor and industry officials to try to arrive at a wage stabilization policy. First talks will be with John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

That puts Lewis in a key position to disrupt the wage stabilization program before it gets started if he chooses to fight for a new wage boost for his 480,000 miners.

In the question of farm prices, Ellender and Thye said they look for the administration to seek something similar to the World War II legislation providing mandatory government price supports for poultry, eggs, meats and a number of other perishable crops.

Previously these mandatory price props had been limited, as they are now, to such basic crops as cotton, corn, wheat, to

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Arkansas: Fair weather, 10° in afternoon, tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy, mild.

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Badman Cook Continues to Elude Officers

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 9 — (AP) — Badman Bill Cook is still at large today somewhere in the United States or Mexico — and that leaves officers plenty of territory to comb for the Missouri ex-convict.

Men resembling him were reported yesterday in Texas, Oregon and Kansas. But the FBI here was at a loss to explain how or where Cook — if it was he — got back across the Mexican border, and so far north in 30 hours.

Apparently there were no direct new clues leading to the 24-year-old desperado, who blazed a trail of terror through Oklahoma and California, killing perhaps eight persons.

But the town of Cherryvale in southeastern Kansas was in an uproar last night after a 21-year-old woman reported a man answering Cook's description approached her in what she thought was an attempt to kidnap her. She told police Chief Albert Clark there was another man with him.

The woman, whose name was withheld, said she grabbed her car keys and fled into her mother's home before the men could stop her. Said Clark: "The whole town is aroused and the police station is filled with people who want guns."

Adding to the hubbub in Kansas was the report of a service station operator in Pittsburgh — only 24 miles from Cook's hometown of Joplin, Mo. — that he had sold gas to a man resembling Cook last night. The car was described as a green 1947 Chevrolet with Oklahoma license plates.

FBI agents in Houston were keeping an eye on Cook's sister's home there after a hitchhiker said he rode across Texas from El Paso with a short stocky man resembling the gunman.

Barrell E. Hall, 21, told police the man kept a pistol on the seat between them. The car was a 1949 or 1950 sedan with Texas license plates.

Oregon highway patrolmen were alerted to be on the lookout for a hitchhiker resembling the desperado. A motorist, E. A. Morvaac, Milwaukee, Oregon, told Oregon city police last night he picked up a hitchhiker who answered Cook's description.

The man jumped out of his car and ran when Morvaac stopped at an Oregon city gas station. Morvaac said the hiker had asked him if he had money and plenty of gasoline and that he replied no to both questions.

The man said he was from San Francisco, hadn't eaten for two days and was headed for Canada or Idaho, Morvaac told officers.

Parking Meters Bringing in Expected Toll

The city's parking meters are netting about the sum expected when installed. Christmas week, naturally, was the biggest take with over \$600 but that figure has tapered off considerably to \$431 the past week. City officials expect the average to run around \$400 per week.

The counter-meter at the Police Station is still the best paying one in town. That's where you take the red tickets and feed the machine with a nickel — certainly a reasonable fine for overparking. But the red tickets are not so numerous in the early stages of the "machine era."

Citizens Bank Re-elects Same Officers, Board

Reporting a "very satisfactory year", C. C. Spragins, executive vice-president of Citizens National Bank, announced that all officers and board members had been re-elected at an annual meeting today.

Officers are: O. A. Graves, chairman of the board; R. M. LaGrone, Jr., president; C. C. Spragins, executive vice-president; Dale Jones, cashier and Olin Lewis, assistant-cashier.

Board of directors: O. A. Graves, R. M. LaGrone, Jr., C. C. Spragins, A. L. Black, S. L. Reed, J. A. Haynes, Albert Graves, N. T. Jeffer, George W. Peck, George W. Robison, and T. F. McLarty.

Three Local Soldiers to Fort Benning

After six weeks basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas three soldiers from this area have been transferred to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Ga. where they will receive additional training.

They include: Ect. Frank A. Patterson and Dee B. Aitchley of Hope and Horace D. Smith of Boston, Ark.

Name of First State Capitol to Be Changed

Little Rock, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Arkansas' first state control, now known officially as the War Memorial building, may be "the old state house" again.

Tom W. Campbell, Little Rock attorney-historian, who served as a legislator in the old building, said yesterday he had prepared a bill which would authorize the change. Campbell is a member of the Arkansas Commemorative commission, which erected recent reconstruction of the old capitol.

He said the bill would be reviewed by the commission, and would be introduced in the legislature by State Sen. Lawrence Blackwell, Pine Bluff, also a commission member.

Sending Troops to Europe May Bring First Test

Washington, Jan. 9 — (AP) — A Senate vote on sending American troops to Europe appeared likely today the first test in Congress of President Truman's program to center free world defenses there.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the Republican floor leader, promised to seek action soon on a resolution barring the assignment of additional U. S. ground forces to Europe until Congress fixes an overall policy.

This issue is at the heart of the swelling foreign policy debate which has taken on added vigor in the wake of severe military reverses in Korea.

Reduced to its essence, the debate is over whether this nation should concentrate its defenses against Communist aggression within its own shores or should reverse these facilities can be obtained from private endowments and government in a forthcoming

He said that unless the legislature can dig up \$1,300,000 to pay the welfare department's current appropriation in full, no grants whatever can be paid during April and May of this year.

"We cannot permit some 80,000 of our fellow Arkansans to undergo this cruel suffering," said McMath.

But he described the North Atlantic community as "the heart of our defense effort" and left no doubt that he has no intention of turning back from the course of helping friendly nations to rearm.

The President also pledged that avenues of negotiation would be kept open in the hope of reaching a peaceful settlement with Russia, but he declared that "we will fight, if fight we must."

Wherry's resolution, which he left in a parliamentary position where he could call it before the Senate almost any time, would bar assignment of any further ground forces to Europe pending the formulation of a policy with respect thereto by the Congress.

Administration leaders planned an effort to send it to the Democratic-controlled foreign relations committee where it probably would die.

The test vote, which could come on that issue, was generally expected to be close.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), who argues that the President doesn't have authority to commit troops abroad without consulting Congress, promised to air his views in a National Press Club speech.

Mr. Truman promised weapons and equipment not only to North Atlantic treaty partners but to nations in the Near East and the Far East "which are trying to defend their freedom."

Throughout a 30-minute address which lawmakers interrupted by applause 15 times, the President pointed away at them that the security of free nation lies in banding together and building military strength to the point where "soviets" rulers may face the facts and lay aside their plans to take over the world."

But Mr. Truman left unanswered many questions about Korea, the extent of home front sacrifices and even the amount of new taxes he will propose — except to say the tax boost would be "major."

Vincent W. Foster Elected Director of First National

Vincent W. Foster was elected a new member of the board of directors of First National bank at the annual meeting in Hope today. All other officers and directors were re-elected, as follows:

Lloyd Spencer, vice-president; W. Kendall Lemley, vice-president; Syd McMath, executive vice-president; Thomas E. Hays, cashier; Miss Genie Chamberlain, assistant cashier; Cecil J. O'Steen, assistant cashier.

Directors: Graydon Anthony, J. P. Duffie, B. W. Edwards, W. H. Gunter, Thomas E. Hays, W. Kendall Lemley, Syd McMath, E. M. McWilliams, Earl O'Neal, Lloyd Spencer, E. P. Stewart, and the new member, Vincent W. Foster.

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McMath Asks for More Money But Legislature Gets Bills Calling for Tax Reductions

By HARLEY PERSHING
And GENE NEWSOM

Little Rock, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Gov. Sid McMath launched his second term today with a request for more taxes to enable Arkansas to maintain state services and undertake new construction.

At the same time, he called for economy, but cautioned the 58th general assembly to "guard against false economy."

In his inaugural address McMath asked for an increase in levies on liquor and cigarettes, doubling of state income tax rate and a new tax on soft drinks. He estimated that the revenue would produce an estimated \$12,000,000 to \$18,000,000 additional money for the state.

The 38-year-old Democrat said at the outset of his address that "we are again at war" and that we must approach our duties against a background of war.

The first items mentioned in a detailed summary of appropriation requests were the military department and a new agency — civil defense. "First of all," McMath explained, "we should look first to the state's immediate role in the national defense."

In his inaugural address Governor McMath said an additional \$17,000,000 in taxes was needed to operate the state during the next two years.

One of his legislative proposals was to double the state income tax rate.

Houston said in his bill "it is found that additional taxes have been placed upon the citizens of this state by the federal government in order to maintain the national defense and that the taxes now in force in this state are burdensome and that relief should be given."

The measure carries an emergency clause that would make it effective just as soon as it was passed and signed by the governor.

Rep. DeWitt Poe of Desha county submitted a bill to require that a person who pleads insanity in Chancery court contempt proceedings for failure to make family support payments will be sent to the state hospital for nervous diseases. He would remain under observation for not more than one month.

Another measure by Houston would repeal an existing law allowing trucks hauling certain natural resources special favors.

The house brought up the \$235,000 appropriation bill for its own expenses but deferred action on it until this afternoon.

At the same time, he said he recognized that there are some abuses — some people are receiving aid who should take care of themselves or be cared for by their families." But he added that those abuses have been kept to a minimum.

Speaker James R. Campbell said he believed they either are or would be and he asked Rep. Clifford Wade of Washington county, chairman of the subcommittee of the efficiency committee, to "look after that and see that they are here."

Sen. Fugan also introduced a bill to make Arkansas' dependency allowance coincide with that of the federal government. The federal government permits you to deduct

Michigan State college in 1947 and promptly moved to Seattle to be near her brother.

It was Scott Osler who held the stock in the 1949 takeoff of experimental Boeing model X-B-47, forerunner of the jet bomber on which America today is staking her security. He was the man chosen for the grueling task the U. S. Air Force demands before accepting a new plane.

Then tragedy struck. High above the arid wastes of Washington's Moses lake, while the X-B-47 swerved across the sky at hundreds of miles an hour, the canopy above the pilot's compartment slipped. Just an inch or so. "Just enough to crush in the head of Scott Osler. He was dead when the co-pilot nosed the ship down onto landing strip.

Beside the pond a pert-nosed girl with flaxen hair watched in adoration. Her eyes were big and blue and always on Scott. Twice Scott drove the plane into the net, laughing in boyish triumph.

Scott did everything better than the other kids did. His stamp collection was the biggest. When University High school basketball team took the court, he was the ace.

Scott's brave life had been jet planes. Priscilla thought for a long time. When you are a girl 23 and can't fly how do you carry on for a famous pilot brother?

Priscilla found a way. She is at this bustling air force base in south Japan in a blue uniform of the air force service club. Sometimes Priscilla listens sympathetically when GIs eagerly tell her of their wives and girls back home. Or she goes with a forlorn noncom who brightens at an American girl's smile.

The airmen call her "Pat" and say "she's swell."

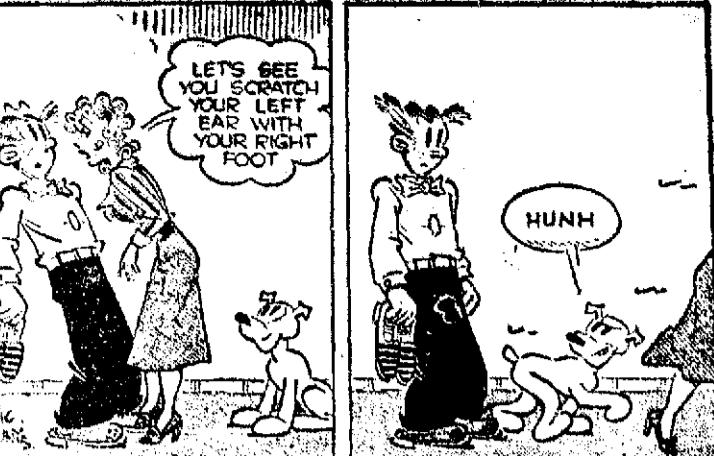
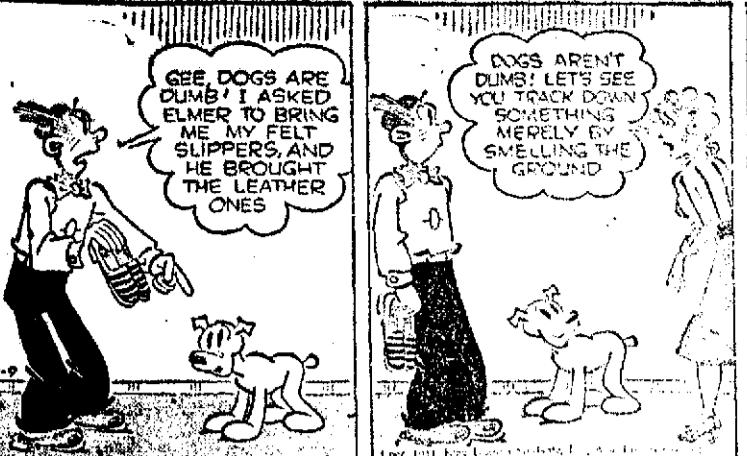
Those airmen wonder about one thing, though. That's the way Pat sometimes stands at the window. They wonder at the far-away look in her eyes as the silver jets roar skyward for Korea.

They don't know the secret about her. She is graduated from

Taxes and More Taxes Needed Says Truman

Washington, Jan. 9 — (AP) — President Truman said today the nation must be taxed "until it hurts" to arm the free world against the menace of Communism.

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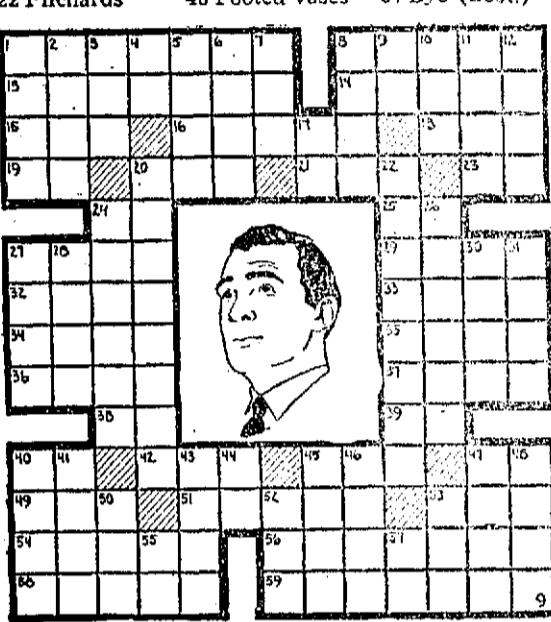


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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Plenty of horsepower, you understand—only just not all at one time!"

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



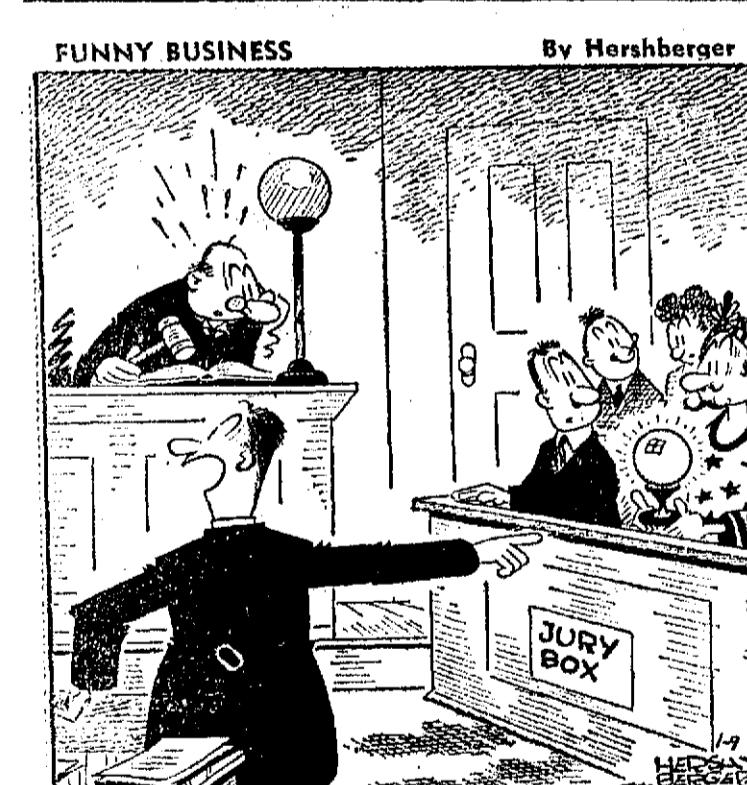
OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoopla



"Your honor, I object!"

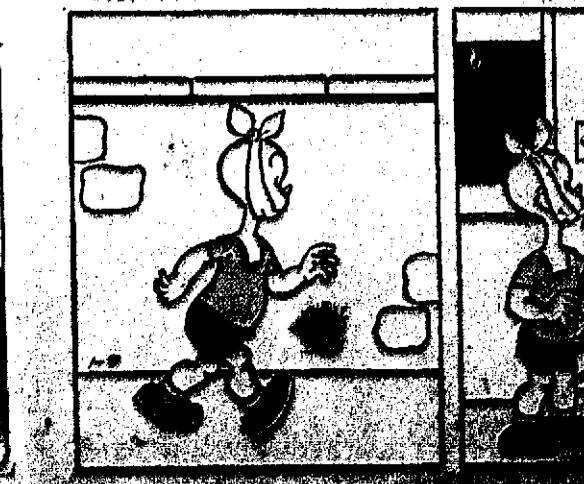
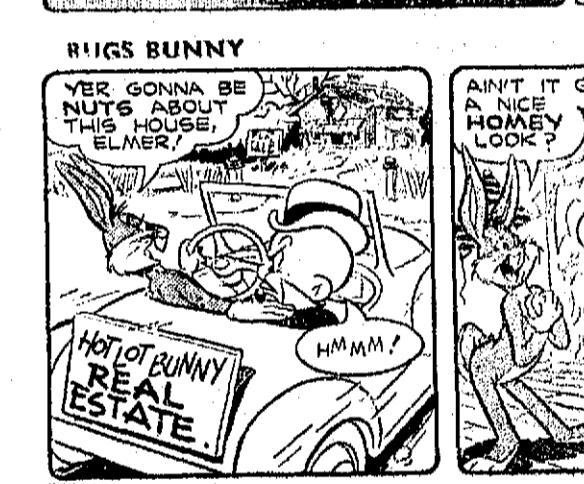
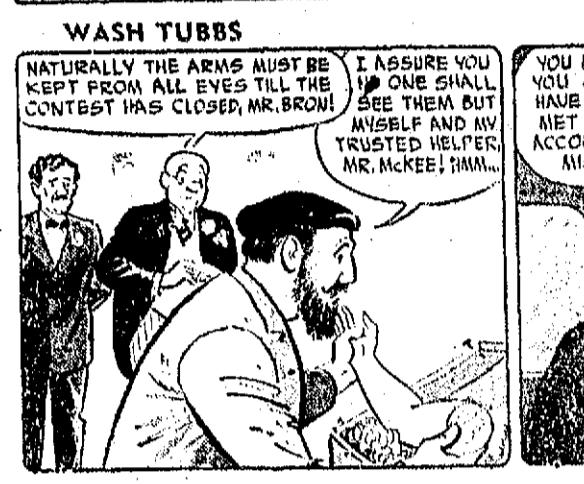
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By Blosser



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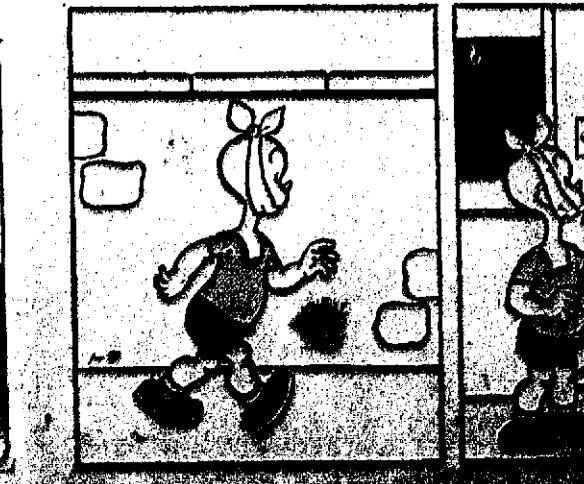
The enraged boar is giving the cruiser a rough time.



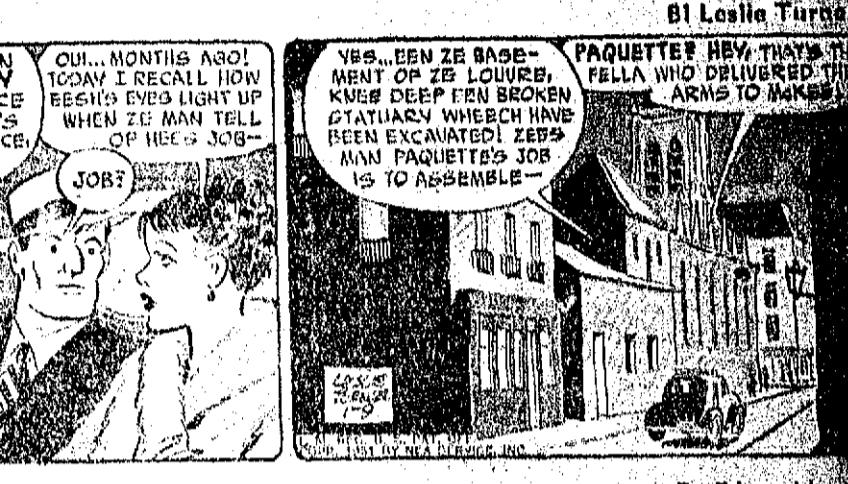
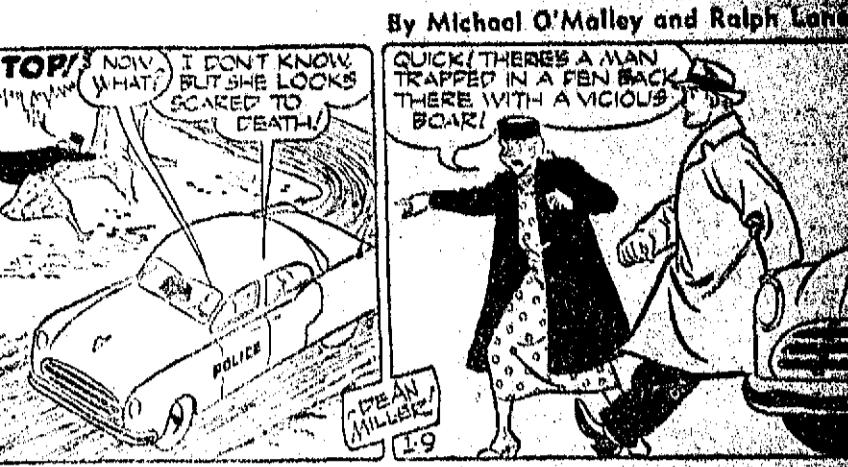
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